GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION TO INDIANS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations recently from Kuwait-Iraq war affected Indian Citizens regarding UN Compensation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) Yes.

(b) The representations mainly ask that the persons who had failed to apply for compensation within the due date fixed by the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC), Geneva, should be given a chance to file claims now.

(c) The Government of India on it own had already taken up this matterwith the UNCC, Geneva, to allow submission of late individual claims by Indians who had failed to apply on UNCC forms but had applied earlier on theGovernment of India forms which were withdrawn once the UNCC was set up. The UNCC replied in March 2000 as follows:

`The four years during which the Commission continued to accept claims for filing constitutes the longest filing period of any such claims programme in history.

As a result of the Governing Council`s December 1995 determination, itwill no longer be possible to accept for filing the submission of any more individual claims in the above-mentioned categories.` i.e., categories `A`, `B`, `C` and `D`.